MEN'S BASKETBALL

2005-2006 MEDIA GUIDE

After finishing the 2004-05 campaign with a 6-11 record in the Heart of America Athletic Conference, the Avila Eagles are very hopeful for a brighter future on this new season.

Avila hopes that the sour taste of being at the bottom will serve as a reminder as it prepares for another shot at a conference championship and a ticket to the "Big Show."

The Eagles return two full-time starters and two part-time starters from a year ago. However, the success of the Eagles may depend on how quickly their eight newcomers can adapt to the Avila system.

While defense will once again hopefully be Avila's strong point during the 2005-06 campaign, its weakness continues to be on the offensive end.

Last year the Eagles led the conference in scoring defense (67.2), which ranked 19th in the nation. However, on offense, Avila averaged only 63.7 points per game.

"It will be very important that our newcomers step up immediately," said second-year coach Anthony Hall. "We don't bring back a lot of scoring and scoring points has been our Achilles heel. Our newcomers will get a hard lesson in the conference, and I think it will create a situation where they will have to produce immediately."

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BY THE NUMBERS

SCORING (TOP RETURNEES)

Anthony Sansone .....7.9 ppg
Eric King .....6.4 ppg

REBOUNDING (TOP RETURNEES)

Eric King .....5.1 rpg

ASSISTS (TOP RETURNEES)

Anthony Sansone .....3.2 ppg

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#	NAME	YR	POS	HGT	HOMETOWN
3	Cort'Ney Turner	JR	G	5'10"	Jacksonville, AR
5	Albert Ingram	SR	G	5'11"	Valencia, CA
10	Anthony Sansone	SR	G	5'8"	Kansas City, MO
12	Meekaa'eel Jones	SO	G	5'9"	Kansas City, MO
14	Blake Carr	SR	G	6'1"	Jefferson City, MO
20	Ryan Sewitsky	FR	G	6'2"	Murrieta, CA
21	Michael Johnson	SR	F	6'7"	Chesapeake, VA
22	Brett Schmitt	SO	F	6'3"	Liberty, MO
23	Martez Young	JR	G/F	6'3"	Killeen, TX
24	Reggie King	SO	F	6'4"	Macon, GA
25	Dylan Collins	SO	G	5'10"	Nixa, MO
32	Eric King	SR	F	6'4"	Trenton, TN
44	Harold Cade	SR	F/C	6'7	Houston, TX
50	Chris Allen	FR	F	6'6"	Fairgrove, MO
55	Eric Reeves	SO	C	6'8"	Olathe, KS
RS	Tavan Sills	SO	G	6'1"	New York, NY

COACHES

Head Coach Anthony Hall, a native of Port Gibson, Mississippi, enters his second season as head coach at Avila University. Prior to accepting the head coaching position at Avila, Hall had been an assistant coach at Avila for the past five seasons. He helped to lead Avila to the most wins in school history and a fourth place conference finish in the 2001-02 season.

Hall came to Avila after spending two seasons at The State University of West Georgia. West Georgia competes in the powerful Gulf-South Conference. While Hall was an assistant at West Georgia, they won the east division of the conference and competed in the NCAA Division II National Tournament both seasons. In 1997, he helped to lead Hutchinson Community College to the Regional Championship at the National Junior College Tournament. Hall also assisted Wichita Collegiate School to the Class 3A State Championship in 1993.

Hall played college basketball at Southeast Missouri State University, where he was a very valuable member on the 1985-86 team. That season, SEMO finished as NCAA Division II Runner-up with a 27-7 record. Hall earned Honorable Mention All Conference that season. In the 1984-85 season at SEMO, the team also competed in the Elite Eight. Prior to SEMO, Hall was an All-State performer at Utica Junior College, where he was recently inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame.

Hall received his bachelor's degree in Communication from Southeast Missouri State University and his master's degree in Education from Central Michigan University.

Assistant Coach
Brian Sudis

Assistant –Coach
Isaac Chew

Assistant Coach
Darrin Clayton

BACK COURT

According to Coach Hall, "Great guards give you a chance to win, espccially in the Heart of America Conference. HAAC teams that excel have talented guards. Our guards have the potential to be very good. We must continue to develop them to give us an opportunity to be successful."

Sansone

Anthony Sansone, one of two starters returning, will be expected to run the offense. The 5'8" guard averaged 7.9 points and 3.2 assist per game.

Blake Carr was a part-time starter for the Eagles and provided must needed support down the stretch.

Carr

Dylan Collins backed up Sansone at the point guard position and was a solid ball handler and defender for the team.

Collins

Newcomers **Albert Ingram** (5'11", Los Angeles Valley College), **Ryan Sewitsky** (6'3", Murrieta High School, CA), **Cort'Ney Turner** (5'10", Eastfield Community College), and **Martez Young** (6'3", Southwest Baptist University) will all battle for playing time at the guard position and will be expected to step up when called upon.Ingram plays extremely hard and should contribute to the success of the team. Sewitsky is an outstanding shooter from the arc. Turner is a great floor leader and understands what it takes to be a winner. Young is an athletic scorer. He can hit the open jumper and create for himself. He is also good on the defensive end of the court.

FRONT COURT

Senior, **Eric King**, returns as the starting power forward. King averaged 6.4 points and 5.1 rebounds per game on last season.

Brett Schmitt became a starter late in the season. He played a very important role down the stretch for the Eagles.

King

Newcomers, **Chris Allen** (6'6", Fair Grove High School, MO), **Harold Cade** (6'7", Washburn University), **Michael Johnson**, (6'7", Southwest Baptist University), **Reginald King**, 6'4", Southwest Baptist University) will all battle for playing time this season. Allen, suffered a broken leg during his senior season in high school and will be taken very slowly. Cade, at times, shows signs of being a major force in the middle. We are counting heavily on Cade to deliver for us. Johnson and King can and will play several positions on this season. Johnson may even play some point. King is a slasher type player with great athletic ability. We will need Reggie to be a defense stopper.

Schmitt

Red-shirt sophomore, **Eric Reeves**, 6'8", will also help the Eagles on the inside.

Hall knows that his team will be picked near the bottom of the conference but says we have good talent that should be very competitive in the HAAC. This is a hard working group with a good attitude, and he feels good about the season.

2005 Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Location
11/4/05	Fri	Grace University Classic	5:30	Omaha, NE
11/5/05	Sat	Grace University Classic	1:00	Omaha, NE
11/8/05	**Tue**	**McPherson**	**7:30**	**Kansas City, MO**
11/11/05	**Fri**	**Messenger**	**7:30**	**Kansas City, MO**
11/14/05	Mon	Haskell Indian Nations	7:00	Lawrence, KS
11/17/05	**Thu**	**Evangel**	**7:30**	**Kansas City, MO**
11/19/05	Sat	Lindenwood	4:00	St. Charles, MO
11/22/05	**Tue**	**Kansas Wesleyan**	**7:30**	**Kansas City, MO**
11/28/05	**Mon**	**Ottawa**	**7:30**	**Kansas City, MO**
12/1/05	Thu	Benedictine	7:30	Atchison, KS
12/3/05	**Sat**	**Baker**	**4:00**	**Kansas City, MO**
12/6/05	Tue	Pittsburg State	7:00	Pittsburg KS
12/8/05	Thu	Central Methodist	7:30	Fayette, MO
12/10/05	**Sat**	**Culver-Stockton**	**4:00**	**Kansas City, MO**
1/2/06	Mon	St. Mary	7:00	Leavenworth, KS
1/5/06	**Thu**	**Graceland**	**7:30**	**Kansas City, MO**
1/9/05	Mon	Mid-American Nazarene	7:30	Olathe, KS
1/12/06	Thu	William Jewell	7:30	Liberty, MO
1/14/06	**Sat**	**Missouri Valley**	**4:00**	**Kansas City, MO**
1/19/06	Thu	Evangel	7:30	Springfield, MO
1/21/06	**Sat**	**Lindenwood*#**	**4:00**	**Kansas City, MO**
1/23/06	Mon	Messenger	7:00	Joplin, MO
1/26/06	**Thu**	**Benedictine**	**7:30**	**Kansas City, MO**
1/28/06	Sat	Baker	4:00	Baldwin City, KS
2/2/06	**Thu**	**Central Methodist**	**7:30**	**Kansas City, MO**
2/4/06	Sat	Culver-Stockton	4:00	Canton, MO
2/9/06	Thu	Graceland	7:30	Lamoni, IA
2/13/06	**Mon**	**Mid-American Nazarene**	**7:30**	**Kansas City, MO**
2/16/06	**Thu**	**William Jewell**	**7:30**	**Kansas City, MO**
2/18/06	Sat	Missouri Valley	4:00	Marshall, MO
		HAAC Conference Tournament		
		NAIA National Tournament		Point Lookout, MO

Bold-faced games denote home games played at Avila University.
*Indicates Heart of America Athletic Conference opponent.
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Avila University holds membership in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Founded in 1937, the NAIA is a collegiate governing body that has grown to encompass 23 national championships. Every year more than 50,000 student athletes participate in NAIA competition. Today the NAIA is comprised of over 330 four-year accredited colleges and universities.

Avila University is also a member of the Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC). Generally considered one of the top small college athletic conferences in the country, the HAAC is comprised of 11 schools located in Missouri, Kansas, and Iowa. The HAAC provides intercollegiate competition in 18 different men's and women's sports.

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